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In re application of: Filho et al.
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For: Hydrodynamic Bearing Arrangement
Atty. Dkt. No.: 060680-1036

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Sir:

Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Enclosed herewith is the List of References Cited by Applicant (PTO-1449) (three sheets), as well as a copy of each reference listed thereon that is not a U.S. patent or U.S. published patent application.


For those references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are in English, no further commentary by Applicant is believed necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). For those references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are in a language other than English and that are identified on the English language Search Report for corresponding application GB 0328568.1, Applicants refer the Examiner to the English language Search Report submitted herewith. MPEP § 609. For all other references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are in a language other than English, Applicant submits the following concise statements of relevance:

JP 02-076604: This reference appears to disclose a non-contact type spindle in which the outside surface of a piston is provided with a radially extending thrust plate, fluid pressure acting on either side of the thrust plate in order to compensate for axial forces on the piston shaft without detriment to the frictional properties of the bearing.

Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Applicants, by submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, is otherwise "material to patentability," as that term is defined in that section.

Respectfully submitted,



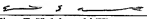
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Petition and Fee

Applicant believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action in the above-identified matter, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). However, in the event that the first Office Action has already been mailed and Applicant has not yet received the Office Action, Applicant hereby petitions for consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to deduct the fee of \$180.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) from Deposit Account No. 04-2223. The Assistant Commissioner is further to authorized deduct any additional fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement from Deposit Account No. 04-2223 and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-2223.

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	3,934,948	01/27/1976	Freyet			
	4,227,865	10/14/1980	Erickson et al.			
	4,362,343	12/07/1982	Visser			
	4,528,403	05/09/1989	Schwartzman			
	4,884,899	12/05/1989	Schwartzman			

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	JP 02-076604	03/16/1990	Japan				
	JP 09-137795	05/27/1997	Japan				
	WO 01/20179	03/22/2001	PCT				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Search Report issued in priority application GB 0328568.1 (April 29, 2004)

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	4,519,547	04/24/1990	Schwartzman			
	5,580,175	12/03/1996	Felch et al.			
	5,647,479	12/06/1998	Wang et al.			
	6,059,459	05/09/2000	Ichiyama			
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	6,196,722	03/06/2001	Asada et al.			

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